

liberality of our people in this juncture saved Victoria College from extinction.

In 1868, another effort was made in the Ontario Legislature, on a motion of Mr. Clarke, of Grenville, to carry out the intention of the Act of 1853, by giving support to the Colleges affiliating with the University; but the "sectarian" cry was raised, and the attempt failed. From that time till now, Victoria has gone on doing valuable and efficient educational work; but struggling with grave financial difficulties, and cramped in her work for want of more liberal resources. The self-sacrificing loyalty and devotion of her President and Professors has been the main element of her strength. Only for professors who did overwork on small salaries the College could not have continued in existence.

THE RECENT COLLEGE CONTROVERSY.

The recent appeal of the representatives of Toronto University for an addition to the endowment of that institution raised a new College controversy. Principal Grant led off, and friends of Victoria and Trinity followed. I took my full share in that discussion, both in the *GUARDIAN* and in the daily papers, vindicating the work of the Church Colleges, and maintaining their right to some recognition by the State, as an important part of the educational agencies of the country. But in that controversy I learned most unmistakably that there was a strong opposition, in Ontario, to giving any grants to denominational Colleges; and that a considerable part of our own Church strongly sympathized with this opposition.

ORIGIN OF THE FEDERATION SCHEME.

Out of this discussion came suggestions that some plan of College Federation might be devised which, without direct grants to Church Colleges, would give them important advantages; and at the same time aid in building up a strong national University, on a sound liberal basis, that would be acceptable to the representatives of the different Church Colleges.

The Hon. G. W. Ross, Minister of Education, held several private conferences with representatives of all the Colleges; and after much discussion, and some concession and compromise, they agreed upon an outline of a plan for uniting all Colleges doing University work, and the Theological Colleges in Toronto, in one University, which should sustain the same relation to all these Confederating Colleges.